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SUBJECT: ROME VISIT OF JULIUS RUBIN, SENIOR ERDA REPRESENTATIVE
IN EUROPE

PASS ERDA

1. FOLLOWING HIS SEMINAR TALK AT MILAN TRADE CENTER'S ENERGY SYSTEMS SHOW, RUBIN CAME TO ROME AT THE INVITATION OF THE SCIENCE ATTACHE AND THE COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR AND MADE A FEBRUARY 17 ROUND TABLE PRESENTATION TO ENEL PRESIDENT ARNALDO ANGELINI AND 14 KEY MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF. RUBIN'S TWO AND ONE HALF HOUR PRESENTATION COVERED ERDA ORGANIZATION, ENRICHED URANIUM SUPPLY, HIGH LEVEL WASTE DISPOSAL, STANDARDIZATION OF REACTORS, REACTOR SAFETY, NUCLEAR FACILITIES SECURITY, PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE, OFF SHORE NUCLEAR PLANTS, FAST BREEDER REACTOR DEVELOPMENTS AND PLUTONIUM RECYCLING. RUBIN'S PRESENTATION WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED.

2. THE ENEL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION GAVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE CASE FOR US NUCLEAR POWER TO PERHAPS THE MOST SELECT AUDIENCE POSSIBLE IN ITALY. THE ATTENTIVENESS OF THE KEY ENEL GROUP REFLECTS THE CAREFUL HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO ISSUES OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AND PUBLIC POLICY.

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ENEL IS PLANNING TO BORROW INTERNATIONALLY, AS WELL AS SPEND

FROM GOI SOURCES, VAST SUMS FOR ITS NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM AND IS CLOSELY CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVES TO US TECHNOLOGY. WE BELIEVE RUBIN'S PRESENTATION MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTENSE EMBASSY EFFORT TO KEEP US SUPPLIERS OUT FRONT.

3. ALSO ON FEBRUARY 17, RUBIN MET EMAUELE COSTA THE MFA'S DIRECTOR OF ENERGY AFFAIRS AND ING. FERRANTE PIERANTONI, DIRECTOR OF THE FAST BREEDER PROGRAM FOR CNEN. THE FOLLOWING DAY, RUBIN REPEATED HIS ENEL BRIEFING AT THE EMBASSY FOR ENI'S DIRECTOR FOR SOLAR ENERGY RESEARCH, DOMENICO RAGUSA, AND ENI'S CHIEF OF FOREIGN OPERATIONS ANTONIO PICCHINENNA.

4. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW RUBIN'S ROME VISIT WAS OF GREAT VALUE PERMITTING US TO MAKE POINTS ON TECHNOLOGY AND POLICY TO INDIVIDUALS WHO MAKE DECISIONS ON ENERGY IN ITALY. VOLPE

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